

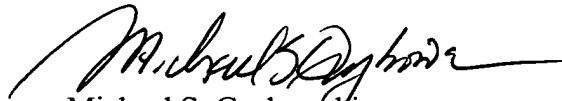
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By the present Preliminary Amendment the claims have been changed to avoid the use of multiple depending claims and to change "earthy graphite" to --amorphous graphite-- which is a more accurate technical term.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment and an early examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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